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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER This week began cold (-7 at Gordon, -5 at Clarkson) and ended warm. Grand Island with 76 degrees, Scottsbluff with 77 and North Platte with 78 reported record breaking February temperatures on Sunday. Weekly averages ranged from near normal along the Missouri River to nearly 15 degrees above seasonal normals in the Panhandle.

Moisture amounts shown on the precipitation map occurred Thursday. Most of it fell as freezing rain or as rain that froze later. Most streets and highways were thawed by early afternoon. Collection of ice on utility lines was only slight. Minden reports no measurable precipitation since December 16th.

Monday was windy throughout the State; Saturday was windy in the central and east.

CROPS With mild weather over much of the State, farm activity continued to gain momentum. Some disking was started in the southwest where frost was out of the ground, and corn harvest continued in the southeastern counties. Corn picking was slow, depending on frozen ground to support machinery in most areas. Field losses on the late harvested crop were noticeably large and, in some cases, excessive. Additional fields of castor beans were combined as weather and field conditions permitted.

Winter grains have been hurt in sections of the west, especially the northern Panhandle and local areas of the southwest. Winter wheat withstood the severe winter much better than winter barley which has been hit hard by low temperatures in some localities. In the central and eastern districts, wheat has been coming out of the dormant stage in good condition. The recent moderate temperatures promoted greening but a return of freezing temperatures checked this early growth. Most central counties, as well as the western districts, need moisture.

Ranges and pastures were open for grazing over almost the whole State. Stalk and stubble fields are holding a large inventory of cattle and pressure on the dwindling hay supply has eased considerably in the last two weeks. Nevertheless, hay is in short supply in quite a few localities and demand for hay is strong. Hay prices have been rising steadily throughout the winter.

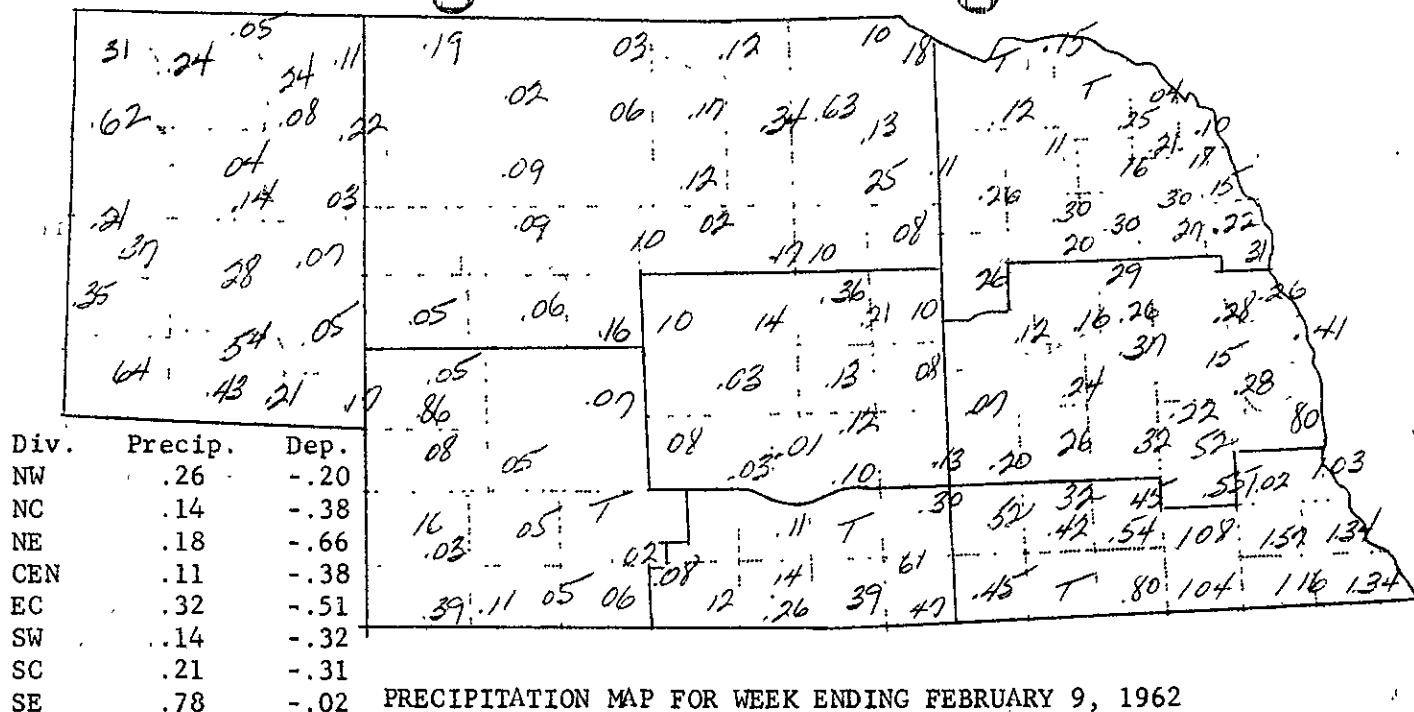
Farmers were devoting time to repair work on equipment, procuring seed and fertilizer, and getting seed and soil tested.

LIVESTOCK Cattle were beginning to make normal gains once again. The severe cold weather in January resulted in low feed conversion rates. Feedlot losses have been higher than usual. More than the normal difficulty with parasites is reported. Lice on cattle have been especially troublesome in some sections. Moderate temperatures were favorable for the new crop of calves, pigs and lambs now arriving in increasing numbers.

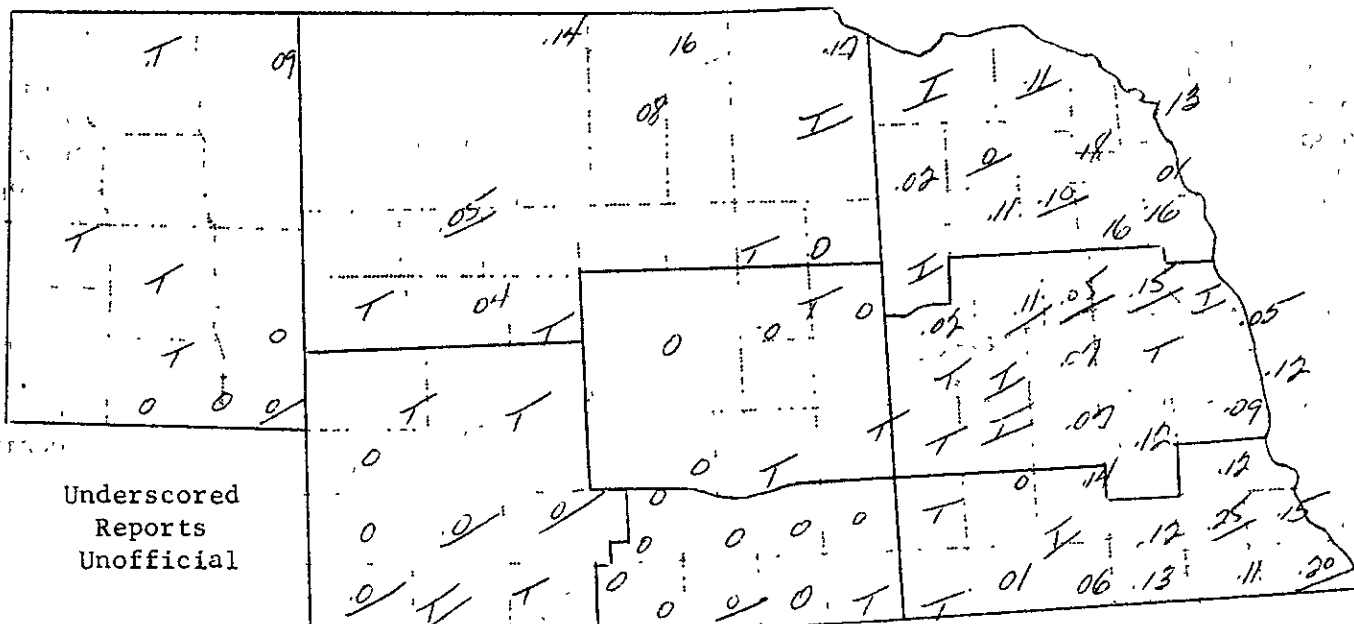
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	T
Lincoln	.12	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.11	Valentine	.14	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.05			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.13				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1962



## PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1962



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		February		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	23	-2	39	13	45	19	51	27	57	30	73	32	63	35		
	Scottsbluff	28	7	45	23	51	26	51	24	57	30	74	43	77	38		
	Sidney	24	8	39	20	50	25	52	22	57	29	72	32	73	40		
NC	Burwell	23	-4	27	5	35	18	39	19	39	29	59	28	70	--		
	Valentine	19	-9	31	4	35	18	43	24	41	27	73	34	63	32		
NE	Norfolk	17	-2	19	8	28	18	32	25	30	25	40	31	60	32		
	Sioux City	17	-1	16	10	28	16	29	27	28	23	34	32	51	31		
CEN	Grand Island	27	5	24	13	32	22	37	23	41	30	52	32	76	32		
EC	Lincoln	23	5	20	15	32	22	33	31	34	30	44	37	64	32		
	Omaha	21	0	16	12	31	16	29	25	29	24	35	34	56	29		
SW	Imperial	18	12	36	19	42	18	58	23	63	22	78	35	78	35		
	North Platte	27	10	30	13	33	17	49	21	61	27	69	29	79	31		

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